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(Washington, D.C.) - Today, Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL) issued a statement following his visit with troops and wounded soldiers overseas during the Memorial Day weekend. Taking part in a congressional delegation, Mahoney has visited Afghanistan to examine U.S. military operations and is meeting with political and military leaders Pakistan and India to discuss efforts in the war on terrorism as well as national security interests and objectives in the region.

"I can think of no better way to honor the brave men and women defending our nation's freedom on this Memorial Day than by visiting our troops on the ground and seeing the work they are doing. I am deeply inspired by my visit with wounded soldiers in Germany and my meeting with troops in Afghanistan. Our soldiers are as committed as ever to winning this war and restoring freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan. The troops' morale is high and our nation is fortunate to have such brave men and women on the frontlines. Every veteran can be proud that their legacy is being upheld by the troops on the ground today.

My visit has reinforced my commitment to strengthening our military and making us better able to defend our national interests and secure our homeland. We must remain strong in the war against al Qaeda, the Afghan Taliban, and other terrorist groups. We must fully fund the troops to give them the resources they need to combat terror and we must restore America's moral leadership in the world."

(left) Congressman Mahoney meets with Afghanistan President Karzai

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